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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/108,979 filed November 18, 1998.--

In accordance with MPEP 706.03(O) ¶7.28, please amend the specification on page 2, after line 23, by deleting the following paragraph, previously inserted by Applicants' amendment:

-- The transmission electron microscopic examination of the product is conducted following the procedure described in U.S. Patent 6,287,992, column 12, lines 10 to 15, replacing the epoxy samples with nanocomposite polymer samples. --

Please insert the enclosed abstract (copied from the published international application WO 00/29467) starting on a separate sheet after the claims.